

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Kieu D. Vu, mailed 2 Jul 2003.

Claims 1-19 are in the case, none as yet allowed.

Specification

The specification has been objected to for certain informalities which, by this amendment, applicant has corrected.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant has canceled claim 20.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

While only claim 10 has been specifically rejected, deficiencies were also listed for claim 11. Applicant assumes that it was intended to reject claim 11 as well.

Applicant has amended claims 10 and 11 to correct the deficiencies.

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Salas et al., U.S. Patent 6,314,408.

Applicants have canceled claim 20 and amended claims 1, 12, and 18, and thereby claims 2-10, 13-17, and 19 which depend therefrom.

In this case, as will be discussed hereafter, Salas does not teach the concept of a place type, as that is described and claimed by applicant.

Salas relates to a license string generator for controlling access to a product. A requester enters the license string to gain access to the product. However, the specification, insofar as it is pertinent to applicant's invention, describes a collaborative work environment including such objects as templates, wrappers, page builders, directories, servers and clients.

Applicant's invention relates to the creation and use of place types. A place type is a place which has been saved by a user in a directory of place types for subsequent use that user or other users in create new places identical (before modification) to the original place.

With respect to claims 1, 12, 18, and 20, the Examiner cites Salas at column 6, lines 36-64 as teaching a method for creating a place in collaboration space by creating a first place and saving that first place as a place type template from which other places may be created. This is what Salas teaches:

"eRoom information in a template includes sections controlling the page itself, the controls on it, and the way the page's data is presented [and how] the page

is created or edited."

"The Template section controls several miscellaneous items about the template itself, for example, the Template Section may include name of information, information specifying which thumbnail appears when the page template is selected, a description of the identifying text that appears under the thumbnail, how children (i.e. dependent pages) of this type of page are counted, and whether the page should open automatically when created. In one embodiment, the Template section of a Folder may be configured in the following manner..." [Salas, Col. 6, lines 36-49.]

With respect to claim 11, applicant claims "...saving said first place as a place type from which a new place may be created in said collaboration space..." With respect to this claim limitation, the Examiner also cites Salas at Col. 6, lines 36-64. This material from Salas does not teach how the template is created. Nor does the table which follows, at lines 51-64.

Applicant is not claiming in any of claims 1-19 a

template for creating places. He is claiming a method for creating a place type (template) from a previously created place. Salas does not teach this.

Applicant has further amended claims 1, 12, and 18 to indicate that the creation of the place type (or template) is created at user command from a previously created place.

Claims 2-10, 13-17, and 19 depend from the claims 1, 12, and 18, and are similarly distinguished from Salas.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-19.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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